While not essential this is appropriate for inclusion in all the manuscripts I've prepared relating to books that go into the Mexico City mysteries. Off the top of the head I believe this would be Riebling, Hosty, Newman and Brown at the least, with Lailer probable.

By early July, 1964, which was after the Report had been scheduled to appear, the CIA decided to level with the Commission but by then it was not possible to correct what it had done, perhaps accomplished, in spreading the word that Oswald had "met" with Kostikov, the alleged KGB "wet jobs" expert.

Under ~~the~~ date of July 2, 1964, Richard Helms, then deputy director for plans, meaning dirty tricks, wrote Rankin quoting two "reliable" sources as saying it was Yatskov to whom Oswald spoke, not Kostikov.

One does not appear to have been an electronic source. One may have been ~~an electronic source~~. That could ~~may~~ have been the reason for the "sensitive sources and methods" notice stamped on this record. It was filed as CD 1216 by the Commission. The "Classification Cancelled" notice is dated 12/22/73. Harrion H. Johnson of the Archives staff ~~wrote~~ dated his cancellation of that notice as of January 11, 1973

Helms told Rankin that the CIA had informed the FBI about this, too.

If any of the many who have sought to use this Kostikov business to their own ends ever mentioned this I do not recall it. Particularly an I confident that the FBI's James Patrick Hosty, Jr., did not while misusing the misinformation in a manner that could have heated the cold war up.

Mark Riebling did not in his Wedge otherwise he could not have written ~~the~~ his fiction in the form of nonfiction, that the FBI's refusal to go for the CIA's Mexico City line drove a "wedge" between those agencies that resulted in the assassination.

More than two decades after declassification that eminent scholar Max Holland found the Commission was right when it was wrong and that that was a good thing, so he did not change his line to make it correct this and there is no reason to believe he will ~~weaken what he says~~ in his book on the Commission due in 1996 by making any such correction now. He can't and still have his book.